Oregon Status Factors

Elcode IMGAS59060

Gname HEMPHILLIA MALONEI

Gcomname MALONE JUMPING-SLUG

Number of Occurrences

B = 6 - 20

Comments

Prior to 1997, total of 43 specimens of Hemphillia malonei had been reported from 6 locations. Malone originally collected 3 specimens from the type locality (Pilsbry, 1948). Kozloff and Vance (1958) worked with 28 specimens from 2 locations, and Branson and Branson (1984) reported 12 specimens from 3 sites. Frest and Johannes (1995c) said it was recollected in 1990, but gave no details. In the last two years additional sites have been found for Hemphillia malonei. It has also been found in the Bull Run Watershed, and other locations in the Mount Hood National Forest, Clackamas County and in the Salem BLM District, Benton County, Oregon (Burke et al., 1999).

Number of Occurrences with Good Viability

C = Few (4-12) occurrences with good viability

Comments Rank unknown, but based on a few sites.

Population Size

U = Unknown

Comments

Range Extent

C = 250-1,000 km2 (about 100-400 square miles) D = 1,000-5,000 km2 (about 400-2,000 square miles)

Comments

Malone's jumping slug is endemic to Mount Hood and the Columbia Gorge, in Clackamas, Multnomah, Hood River counties, Oregon. Recent range extentions have found it in the Salem BLM District and Siuslaw National Forest, farther south in Oregon than previously known. Branson and Branson (1984) found it in the Columbia Gorge and Mount Hood regions of Oregon, and reported previous records from Clackamas, Multnomah, and Hood River Counties, Oregon. Type specimen is from Tawney's Hotel, on the Salmon River (12 miles from Mt. Hood), elevation 1600 feet (J. G. Malone, Pilsbry, 1948). It is found on Larch Mountain, Multnomah County, in the Columbia Gorge in Hood River County, and in Clackamas County, Oregon. In the past two years (1997-98) it has been found in the Salem BLM District in Oregon (Burke et al., 1999).

Area of Occupancy

D = 20-100 km2 (about 5,000-25,000 acres)

LD = 200-1,000 km (about 125-620 miles)

Comments

Habitat is undisturbed moist to wet forest stands, ranging from the Columbia River Gorge on the river to the subalpine fir zone on Mount Hood, southwest into the Salem BLM District, and northward at least to the Cowlitz River watershed (Burke et al., 1999).

Long-term Trend in Population Size, Extent of Occurrence, Area of Occupancy, and/or Number or Condition of Occurrences

U = Unknown. Long-term trend in population, range, area occupied, or number or condition of occurrences unknown

Comments

Short-term Trend in Population Size, Extent of Occurrence, Area of Occupancy, and/or Number or Condition of Occurrences

E = Stable. Population, range, area occupied, and/or number or condition of occurrences unchanged or remaining within ±10% fluctuation

Comments

In the last two years additional sites have been found for Hemphillia malonei in the Bull Run Watershed and other locations on the Mount Hood National Forest, in Clackamas County and in the Salem BLM District, Benton County, Oregon (Burke et al., 1999).

Threats

B = Moderate and imminent threat. Threat is moderate to severe and imminent for a significant proportion (20-60%) of the population, occurrences, or area. Ecological community occurrences are directly impacted over a moderate area, either causing irreversible damage or requiring a long-term recovery.

Scope Moderate Severity Moderate Immediacy High

Comments

Loss of habitat through timber harvest, recreation, urban development, and road construction are potential threats. Habitat fragmentation reducing populations and species density is a potential threat (Burke et al., 1999).

Number of Appropriately Protected and Managed Occurrences

C = Several (4-12) occurrences appropriately protected and managed

Comments

Much of the remaining habitat is probably in Late Seral Reserve or other withdrawn areas, but specific protection may still be needed since proposed management in the LSRs might alter the habitat enough to be unsuitable for this species. Three sites in Oregon are on Federal land in the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. Another protected site is in the Mount Hood National Forest, in the lower Bull Run Watershed. New sites discovered in 1998 are mainly from proposed project areas. Part of the range of Hemphillia malonei, being in the Columbia Gorge and on the Mount Hood National Forest, may be in LSR. There may also be habitat within Congressionally Withdrawn and Administratively Withdrawn areas (USDA, Forest Service, and USDI, Bureau of Land Management, 1974: Federal Land Allocations Proposed under Alternative 9, Feb., 1994). However, new sites found during fall 1998 surveys are most likely in Matrix lands, proposed for management (Burke et al., 1999).

Intrinsic Vulnerability

B = Moderately Vulnerable. Species exhibits moderate age of maturity, frequency of reproduction, and/or fecundity such that populations generally tend to recover from decreases in abundance over a period of several years (on the order of 5-20 years or 2-5 generations); or species has moderate dispersal capability such that extirpated populations generally become reestablished through natural recolonization (unaided by humans). Ecological community occurrences may be susceptible to changes in composition and structure but tend to recover through natural processes given reasonable time (10-100 years).

Comments

Nearly all of the terrestrial gastropods in the Pacific Northwest, including the Hemphillia, are hermaphroditic, having both male and female organs. Self-fertilization has been demonstrated in some species, although cross-fertilization is probably the norm (Burke et al., 1999).

Environmental Specificity

B = Narrow. Specialist or community with key requirements common.

Comments

"Generally in partly open, but uncut forest, at low to high elevations . . . , typically in rather moist Douglas-fir forest, with diverse forbs and well developed litter. Moist valley, ravine, gorge, or talus sites are preferred, i.e., low on a slope and near permanent or persistent water, but not normally subject to regular or catastrophic flooding. Persistent moisture is a desideratum" (Frest and Johannes, 1995c). Elevational range of known occurrences is from near sea level to about 1200 meters (4000 feet), but suitable habitat at any elevation should be considered potential. General habitat is moist forest dominated by conifers, but with a moderate hardwood component. The forest floor is moist, but not wet or saturated. Large woody debris, both conifer and hardwood, is abundant. Logs of decomposition class 2-4 are probably most often used. Litter and duff layers are deep and generally continuous. Low vegetation may be patchy and consist of sword ferns and other plants of cool shaded forests (Burke et al., 1999).

Other Considerations

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Greasons

Limited number of occurrences in Oregon, but more widespread based on recent collections, with a number of sites found in areas already protected. Dropped from the Survey Manage List for Oregon based on the 2003 Annual Species Review.

BCD Sources

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